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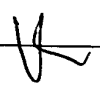
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Office Action Summary	Application No.		Applicant(s)	
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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 24 July 2001 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on ____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
- If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). ____. |
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Specification

The title of the invention is not descriptive. A new title is required that is clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed.

The following title is suggested: -----DISPLAY MODULE INCUDING METAL PLATE FOR HEAT DISSIPATION-----.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claim 5 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Regarding claim 5, the phrase "etc" renders the claim indefinite because the claim includes elements not actually disclosed (those encompassed by "etc"), thereby rendering the scope of the claim unascertainable. See MPEP § 2173.05(d).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Johnson et al. (US 6439731).

Regarding claim 1, Johnson discloses a display module (see Fig 1 and Fig 2) comprising plurality of light emitting elements (illumination source 12, including plurality of LEDs, lines 4-6 of column 5), a plate (heat sink 22, lines 65 of column 7- line 3 of column 8), a circuit board (PCB 10), and a display panel (optical chamber 16 including LCD panel 18), light emitting elements (12) and the circuit board (10) being arranged on the plate (heat sink 22, see Fig 2), the plate being arranged with the light emitting elements and the circuit board being positioned on lateral side or around the display panel(optical chamber 16, on which LCD display 18 is mounted, lines 34-35 of column 6, see Fig 1 & 2).

Though Johnson does not explicitly mention that the plate used as heat sink 22 is a metal plate, it is inherent since metal plates are used as heat sink for its high thermal conductivity.

Further Johnson does not explicitly mention that that the LEDs are wire bonded to the circuit board and a lens being formed atop the light-emitting element, however, having a lens and wire bonding to the circuit board are the inherent structures of an LED device mounted on a PCB board.

Regarding claim 2, Johnson discloses that the light-emitting element is LED (lines 4-6 of column 5).

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Regarding claim 3, Johnson discloses that the light emitting elements (12) on the circuit board (10) and heat sink 22 forms a layered assembly (lines 2-8 of column 8, see Fig 2), which indicates that adhesives are used to make layered structure.

Regarding claim 4, Johnson discloses that the light emitting elements emit light with same color or different color (lines 36-39 of column 5).

Regarding claim 5, Johnson discloses that the display panel is of rectangular shape (lines 34-39 of column 6).

Regarding claim 6, Johnson discloses that the display panel (16 including LCD device 18) is coated with light reflecting lacquer on backside thereof (lines 45-47 of column 6).

Other Prior Art Cited

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure :

Hochstein (US 585767); Hochstein (US 6428189): LED assembly with metal plate used a heat dissipater.

Massami et al. (US 4729076): Heat sink used at the back of the circuit board on which plurality of LED arrays are arranged.

Dobert (US 5797672); Wu (6481130).

Contact Information

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Karabi Guharay whose telephone number is (703) 305-1971. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 8:30 am - 5:00 pm.

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